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Dear Sirs:

In response to the Notice of Allowance, Applicant requests that the following amendments be entered: